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**Requirements for Students Graduating from  
Approved Higher Education Programs**

**To apply for FULL CERTIFICATION as an Early Intervention Specialist**

After receiving PCAS, and subsequently completing 1440 hours of employment in a Department of Public Health-approved Early Intervention Program, you are eligible for Full Early Intervention Specialist Certification. To apply for this certification, please submit the following:

- A completed application for Full Early Intervention Specialist Certification;
- Documentation of attendance at Parts I and II of "Building a Community" (such as your attendance certificate);
- A copy of your Provisional Certification with Advanced Standing certificate;
- A letter of endorsement from your Early Intervention Program Director which provides:
  - A) An overall description of your role and responsibilities in your present position;
  - B) A general assessment of your current knowledge and skills in implementing those roles and responsibilities; and
  - C) Documentation of the number of hours you have worked since receiving PCAS. The Full Early Intervention Specialist Certificate requires completion of a total of 1440 hours **after** the effective date of PCAS (not including practica and internship hours).

If you have questions, please contact the CSPD Coordinator at 617 -994-9815 or [Holly.Newman@state.ma.us](mailto:Holly.Newman@state.ma.us).